



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 14

Meeting Date: 9-18-07

Meeting Location: Bartholomew Co. DCS Conference Room

Council Members Present: Ruth Alewine, Helen Jackson, Heather Mollo, Dennis Carmichael, Laura Gentry, Mark Loyd, Tammi Hickman, Susie Hodnett, & Shana Bolden

Council Members Absent: Jack Tandy & Jim Brown

Others in Attendance: Penny Pitcock; Dodson, Shively & Assoc., Karen Turner; Taylorsville Elementary/Quinco, Pam Clark; Barth. Co. Youth Services Center, Mary McKinney; Family Services, Sarah Sullivan; Foundation Consulting, Tim Hammond; IDTC, Deb Brewer; Villages, Dr. Hugh Hanlin, Mike Kenny, & Lynne Wisneski; Resolute, Julie Stewart & Karla Davis; Children's Bureau

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:40

- 1. First Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Ruth Alewine welcomed members & guests, then gave a brief overview of the agenda. Ruth introduced two new members, Jim Brown (Foster Parent Rep.) & Tammi Hickman (CASA Rep.).
- 2. Second Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Ruth gave members an update as to the additional allocation for Region 14 Child Welfare funds: Bartholomew- \$7,899, Jackson- \$4,398, Jennings- \$3,185, Johnson- \$13,075, & Shelby- \$4,840 for a total of \$33,396. Ruth mentioned these funds can be used for Scott Phillips' program.
- 3. Third Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Ruth mentioned that there has been a request for additional funds by Family Services & Quinco. Mary McKinney; Family Services & Karen Turner; Quinco gave members a summary of what they do and why they were requesting additional funds. Mary informed members that this program is used at Taylorsville Elementary to

prevent child abuse. Karen informed members that this program has been so successful that in order to continue to provide services they would need additional funds. These funds would be used at Taylorsville with the thought of being used at other Bartholomew County schools in the future. They will run out of funds by the end of October. They have been looking at Indianapolis schools that have Behavioral Coaches. These coaches work with teachers & students to create a positive goal-setting environment. Family Services is asking for \$11,297.00 and Quinco is asking for \$6,084.00. Dennis asked how Quinco & Family Services partnered to do this program; most providers don't do this type of collaboration. Karen commented that this was done years ago with Family Services and then Quinco came in and was doing the mental health area. Judge Loyd asked what the \$11,297.00 & \$6,084.00 would be used for. Mary explained that Family Services would do the counseling & family support and Quinco will add a behavior coach. The Coach will address issues with child as they arise. Basically, would run in connection with Family Services. Judge Loyd asked Mary how they underestimated the funds they received. Mary stated with increased referrals & summer services. Ruth commented that these are hard decisions to make and asked if anyone wanted to propose a motion. Judge Mollo asked if decision had to be made today and also commented that she wants to be supportive of both programs. Dennis motioned to table decision till next meeting. Susie seconded. Dennis also motioned for Scott Phillips to come to the RSC to give more information to members; Judge Mollo seconded.

4. Fourth Order of Business Summary of Discussion: Resolute gave a presentation regarding their Community Based Program to members. Dr. Hanlin gave a background of the program (Separate attachment). The programs are family focused risks for more maladaptive behaviors. Risk is more about family and what you are putting kids back into. The hope is to shift services from the institutional setting to the community setting, depending on the risk to family. Judge Loyd asked about the procedure regarding the tier one, face to face contact. Dr. Hanlin commented that the face to face is three times per week at a minimum. The program is open to girls and kids as young as eight (8). Judge Loyd asked what the average stay is. Dr. Hanlin replied that the average stay is between six months to twelve months. The more complicated cases are serving everyone in the family and typically last for six months unless it is identified that a longer treatment term is needed. Ruthi asked how long the program has been in effect. Dr. Hanlin responded that the program started last year. Pam Clark asked if they were ready to take referrals. Dr. Hanlin responded that yes they are and have already received three to four referrals from Bartholomew County. Lynn commented that the program is expanding and being enhanced with

preventative measures. They are bringing in several home based therapists and upgrading diagnostics to get a full evaluation of families.

5. Fifth Order of Business Summary of Discussion: Karla Davis gave members an update on the Community Partners for Child Safety (CPCS). She handed out the financials for July, monthly tracking sheet for Region 14 and an on-site direct service log. She commented that they were really busy in August and had to start a waiting list prioritized by needs. Now the program has one liaison per county. Bartholomew and Jennings have a lot of referrals. Judge Mollo asked if they could serve IA's. Karla replied that CPCS could not work on open DCS cases. Judge Mollo mentioned that she thought referrals were coming from DCS, so where are you getting most referrals from? Karla replied schools, DCS, self, family members, and/or neighbors. Karla also mentioned that Johnson County referrals have increased since the liaison was stationed in Johnson County. Judge Mollo asked if CPCS can serve probation. Julie Stewart replied no, and said that came clarification came from Celia Leaird at DCS Central Office. Karla also mentioned that they are working with Cummins on a toy & book drive.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:

October 16, 2007

Bartholomew County DCS Conference room, 8:30 – 10:00

Meeting Adjourned at: 10:10